

GEORGE MORRIS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 138.]

MARCH 5, 1840.

Mr. STEENROD, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of George Morris, report :

The petition of George Morris, of Orange county, Virginia, shows that he enlisted, in the county of Louisa, in the year —, before he was sixteen years of age, as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain James Watson, for the purpose of guarding the British and Hessian prisoners, called "Burgoyne's men," who were stationed at the barracks in the county of Albemarle, in the State of Virginia. In this service he continued for two or three months.

Soon after his return from this tour of duty, orders were received for eighteen months' militiamen to be draughted, to serve in the southern army. Petitioner states he enlisted under Captain James Cannaday, in the year 1780; he joined the regiment at Richmond then commanded by Major McGill, at the time of Lesley's invasion; they then marched to Cabin Point, where they joined General Muhlenberg; thence to the neighborhood of Portsmouth: when the enemy left Portsmouth, they were sent up to Petersburg, where petitioner was taken sick.

When he returned to the regiment, he found it at the Morvin hills, and then commanded by Colonel Dabney and Major Campbell; they were sent to the neighborhood of Petersburg: the British were in Petersburg; and, while cannonading the enemy there, Marquis de Lafayette took the command. Cornwallis joined the enemy at Petersburg, and the American army had to retreat; and petitioner states that he was left with the vanguard below Richmond, where they had a skirmish with the enemy.

He states he was also with General Wayne in the engagement with the British at a place near Jamestown, called the Green springs.

He states, at the time Colonel John F. Mercer called for volunteers out of Weedon's brigade, to form what was called a regiment of grenadiers, he joined Colonel Mercer, and was with him in the engagement he had with the British at Sowell's old field, near Gloucester town.

He served until Cornwallis's surrender; at which time, or soon after, they were discharged—having served a month and a half, or two months, longer than he enlisted, according to the best of his recollection and belief.

To this declaration of his services the petitioner makes affidavit, and offers the testimony of two witnesses, David Shepherdson and William

Smith, who testify that petitioner was in the war of the revolution, and to a portion of the services set forth in the declaration of petitioner.

The committee, on the declaration and the proof, report a bill for six months' service.

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[To accompany bill H. R. No. 128.]

MARCH 5, 1816.

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When he returned to the regiment, he found it at the Morvin hills, and then commanded by Colonel Dabney and Major Campbell; they were sent to the neighborhood of Petersburg: the British were in Petersburg; and while cannonading the enemy there, Martin de La Fayette took the command. Cornwallis joined the enemy at Petersburg, and the American army had to retreat; and petitioner states that he was left with the vanguard below Richmond, where they had a skirmish with the enemy.

He states he was also with General Wayne in the engagement with the British at a place near Jamestown, called the Green springs.

He states at the time Colonel John F. Mercer called for volunteers out of Weedon's brigade, to form what was called a regiment of grantees, he joined Colonel Mercer, and was with him in the engagement he had with the British at Sowell's old field, near Gloucester town.

He served until Cornwallis's surrender; at which time, or soon after, they were discharged—having served a month and a half, or two months longer than he enlisted, according to the best of his recollection and belief.

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